

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 4458–4475; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 630, 632, and 633 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H9468–69

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Supplemental report on H.R. 4182, to amend title 5, United States Code, to modify probationary periods with respect to positions within the competitive service and the Senior Executive Service, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–415, Part 2);

H.R. 3312, to amend the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act to specify when bank holding companies may be subject to certain enhanced supervision, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–423);

H.R. 3758, to provide immunity from suit for certain individuals who disclose potential examples of financial exploitation of senior citizens, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–424);

H.R. 1645, to amend the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 to provide a temporary exemption for low-revenue issuers from certain auditor attestation requirements (H. Rept. 115–425);

H.R. 3093, to amend the Volcker Rule to permit certain investment advisers to share a similar name with a private equity fund, subject to certain restrictions, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–426);

H.R. 995, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to amend regulations for racial appropriateness, with amendments (H. Rept. 115–427, Part 1);

H.R. 2228, to provide support for law enforcement agency efforts to protect the mental health and well-being of law enforcement officers, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–428); and

H. Res. 631, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3017) to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to reauthorize and improve the brownfields program, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3905) to require congressional approval of any mineral withdrawal or monument designation involving the National Forest System lands in the State of Minnesota, to provide for the renewal of certain mineral leases in such lands, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–429).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Marshall to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:16 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:13 p.m. and reconvened at 4:30 p.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Fowler and Boskoff Peaks Designation Act: H.R. 2768, to designate certain mountain peaks in the State of Colorado as “Fowler Peak” and “Boskoff Peak”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 409 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 638; Pages H9441–42, H9454–55

Gulf Islands National Seashore Land Exchange Act of 2017: H.R. 2615, to authorize the exchange of certain land located in Gulf Islands National Seashore, Jackson County, Mississippi, between the National Park Service and the Veterans of Foreign Wars; Pages H9442–43

Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians Land Affirmation Act of 2017: H.R. 1491, amended, to reaffirm the action of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for the benefit of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians; Pages H9443–45

Superior National Forest Land Exchange Act of 2017: H.R. 3115, amended, to provide for a land exchange involving Federal land in the Superior National Forest in Minnesota acquired by the Secretary of Agriculture through the Weeks Law, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 309 yeas to 99 nays, Roll No. 639; Pages H9445–48, H9455

21st Century Respect Act: H.R. 995, amended, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to amend regulations for racial appropriateness; and Pages H9448–49

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to modernize terms in certain regulations.”. Page H9449

Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act of 2017: H.R. 2228, amended, to provide support for law enforcement agency efforts to protect the mental health and well-being of law enforcement officers. Pages H9449–54

Recess: The House recessed at 5:52 p.m. and reconvened at 6:29 p.m. Page H9454

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9454–55 and H9455. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Committee Meetings

BROWNFIELDS ENHANCEMENT, ECONOMIC REDEVELOPMENT, AND REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2017; MINNESOTA'S ECONOMIC RIGHTS IN THE SUPERIOR NATIONAL FOREST ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3017, the “Brownfields Enhancement, Economic Redevelopment, and Reauthorization Act of 2017”; and H.R. 3905, the “Minnesota’s Economic Rights in the Superior National Forest Act”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 7–3, a closed rule for H.R. 3017. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–40 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 2, the rule provides for consideration of H.R. 3905 under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–41 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only the further amendment printed in the Rules Committee report, if offered by the Member designated in the report, which shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Gosar, Grijalva, McKinley, and Tonko.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Barry Lee Myers, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, 10:30 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider the nominations of Kathleen Hartnett White, of Texas, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality, Andrew Wheeler, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and 19 General Services Administration resolutions, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Alex Michael Azar II, of Indiana, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services, 9:30 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Stuart Kyle Duncan, of Louisiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, David Ryan Stras, of Minnesota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, Fernando Rodriguez, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, and Andrei Iancu, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, “Caring for Our Veterans Act of 2017”, 2:30 p.m., SR–418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 3 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “USDA’s Role in Disaster Recovery”, 10 a.m., 2362–A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, oversight hearing on the Forest Service, 10 a.m., 2007 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, oversight hearing on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 11 a.m., 2362 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, oversight hearing on the Small Business Administration and the General Services Administration, 2 p.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled “Financial Challenges Facing the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation: Implications for Pension Plans, Workers, and Retirees”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “Powering America: Examining the Role of Financial Trading in the Electricity Markets”, 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.